

Paper Boats

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based on the poem by Tagore



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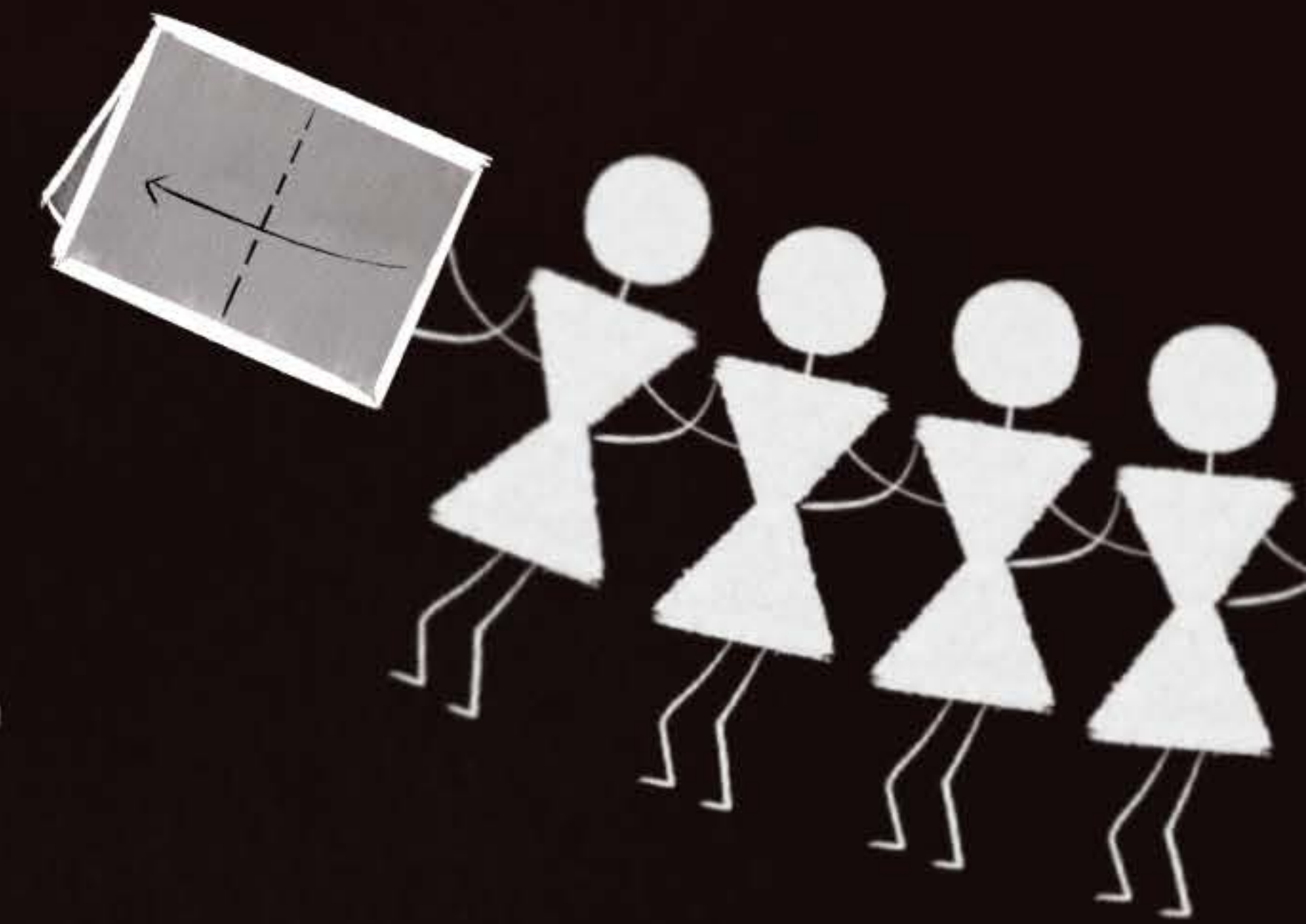
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I float my paper boats

one by one
down the running stream.



in big black letters I write my name on them



and the name of the village where I live.

I hope that someone in some strange land will find them



and know who I am.

I load my little boats

with shiuli flower from our garden,



and hope that these blooms of the dawn

will be carried safely to land in the night.



I launch my paper boats and look up into the sky

and see the little clouds setting thee white bulging sails



I know not what playmate of mine in the sky
sends them down the air to race with my boats!



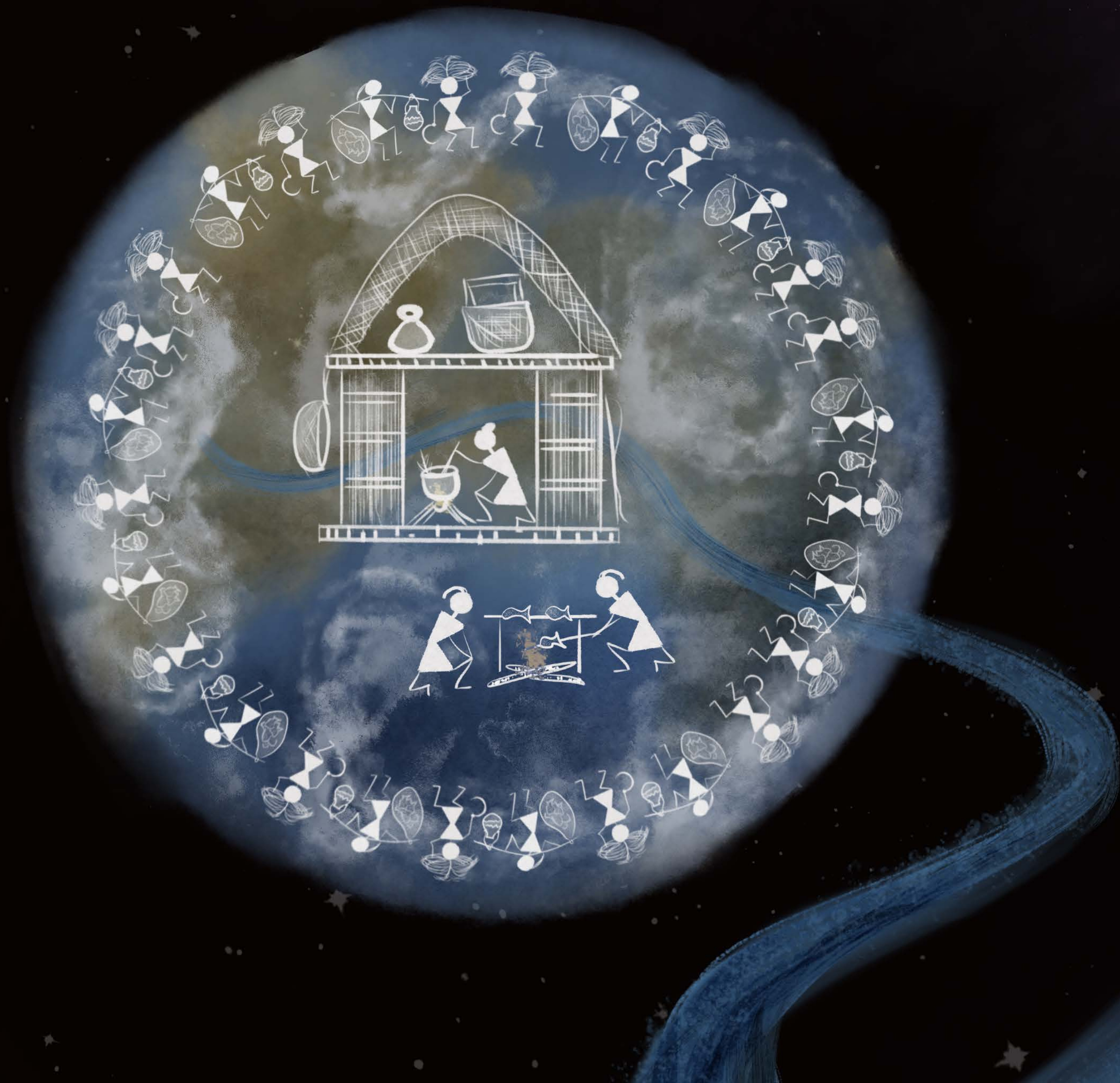


when night comes I bury my face in my arms and dream

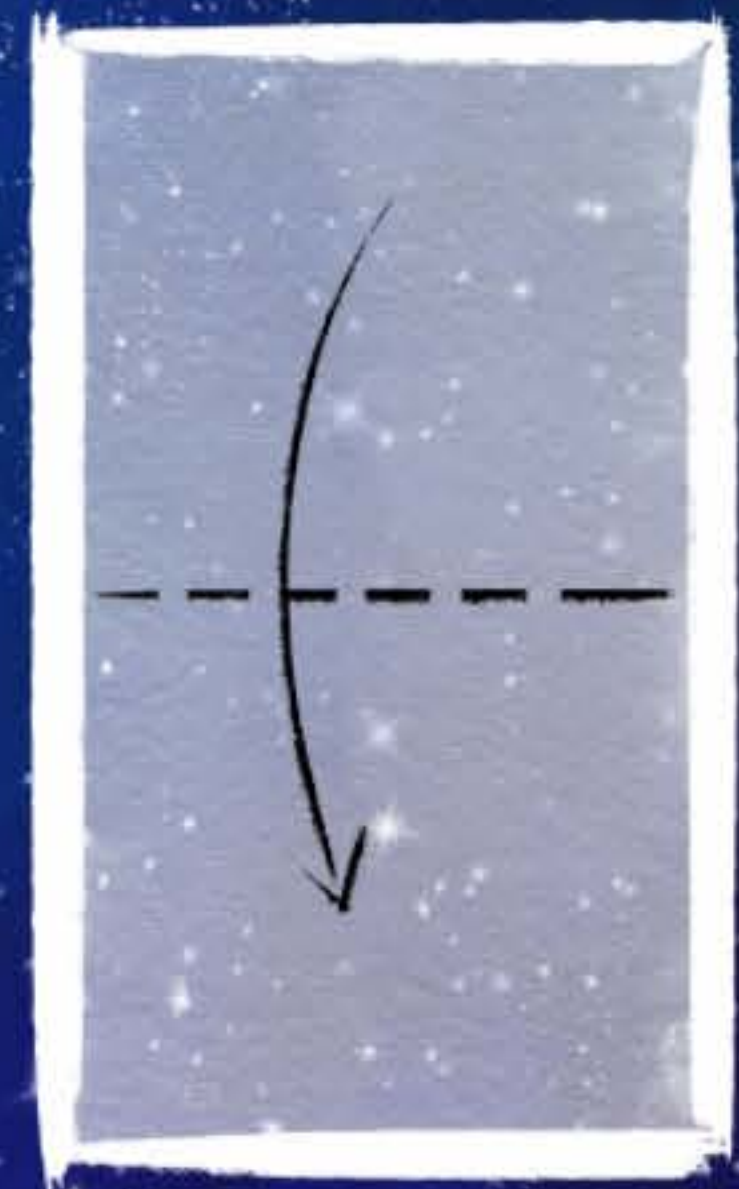


that my paper boats float on and on under the midnight stars

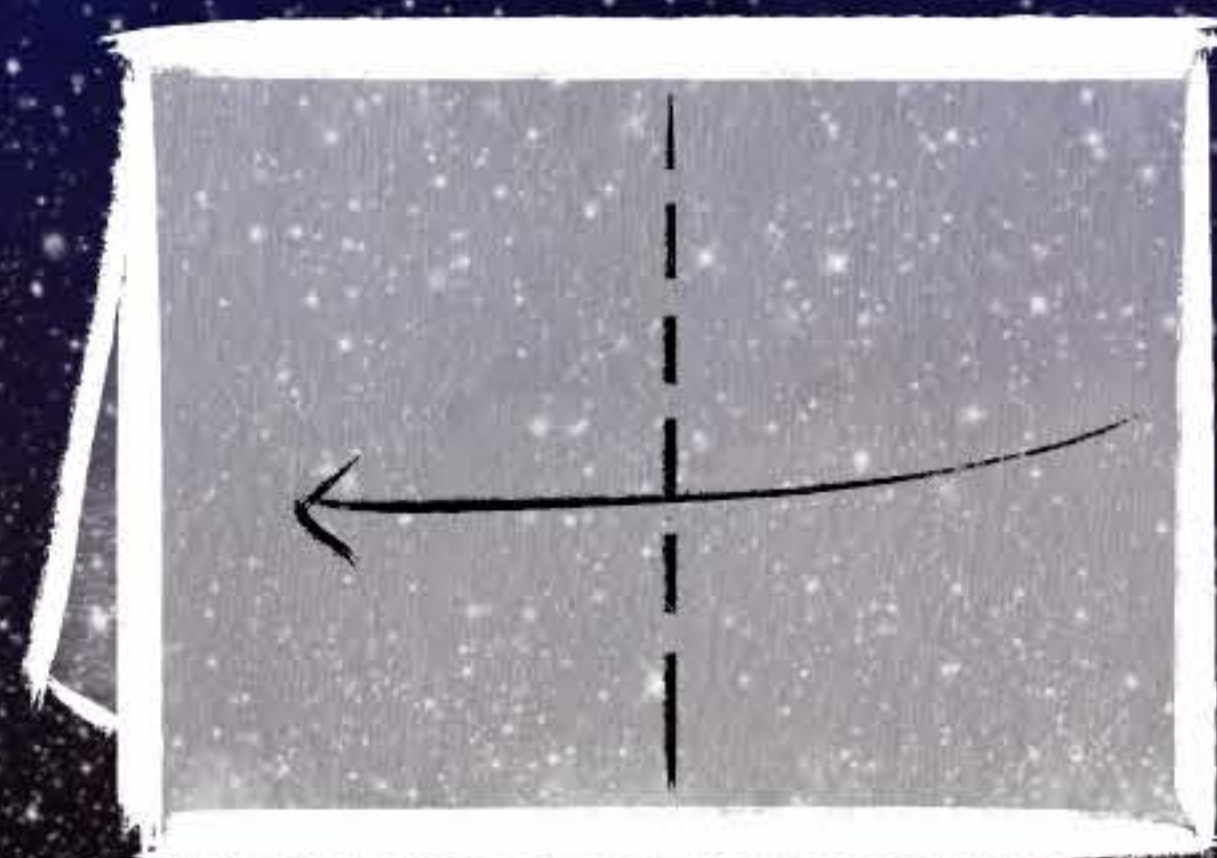
the fairies of sleep are sailing in them,



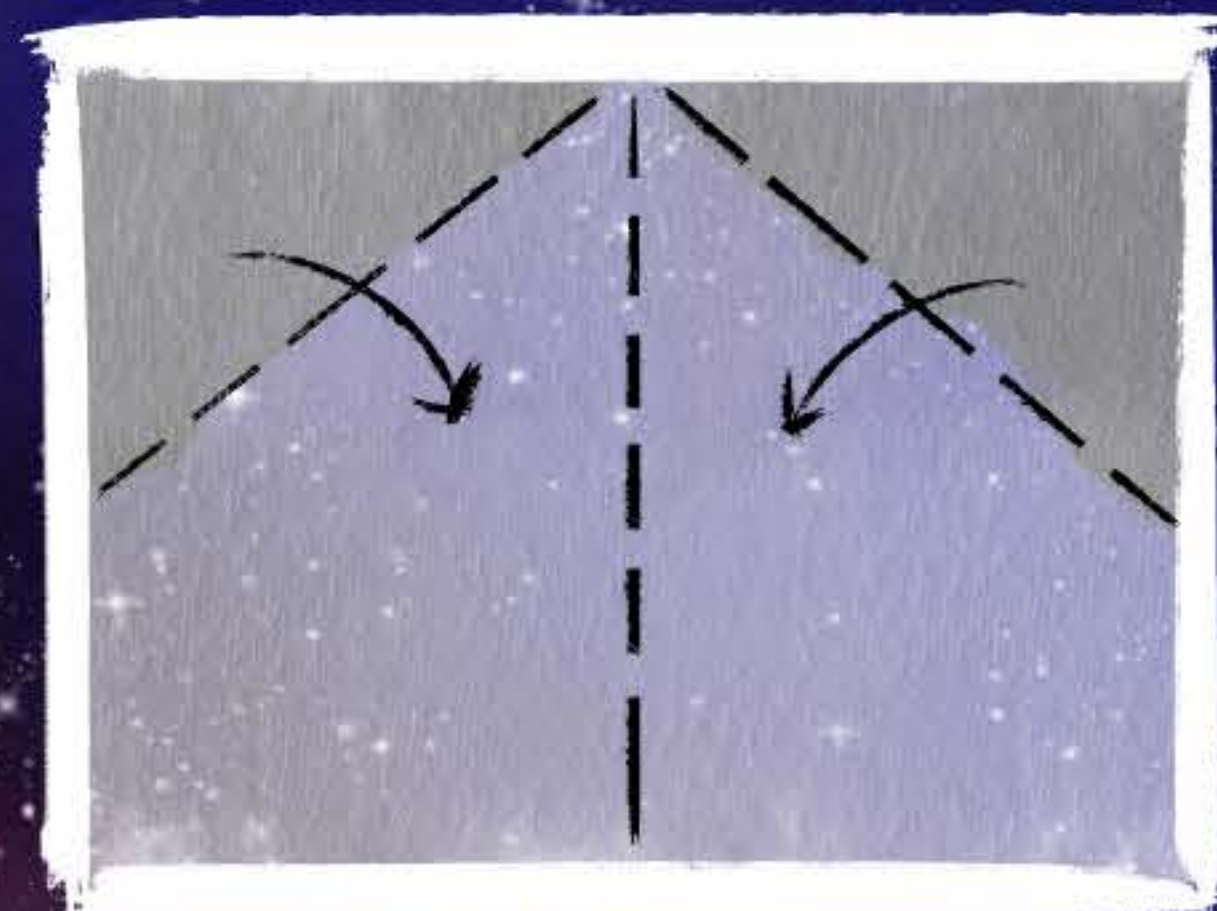
and the lading is their baskets full of dreams.



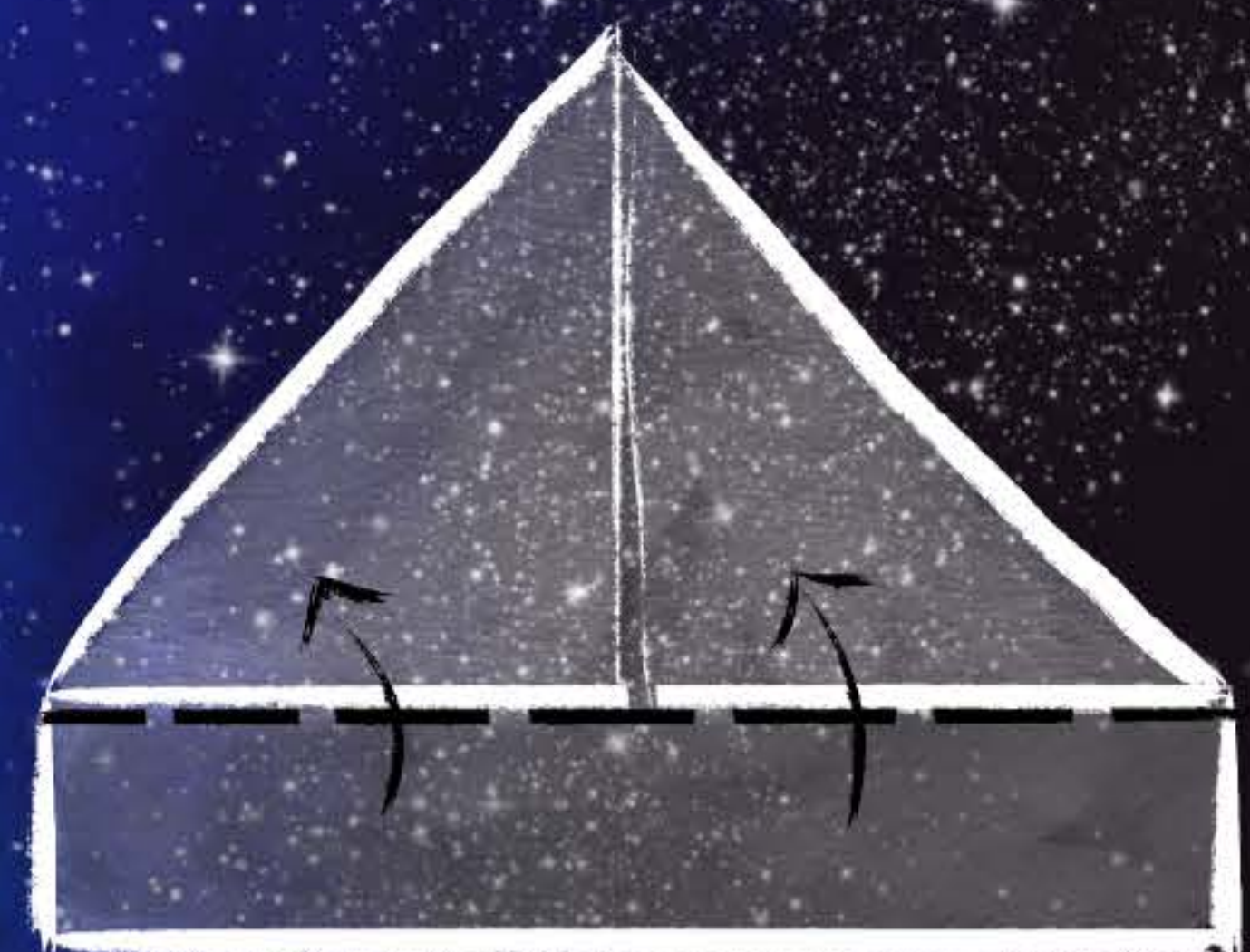
1. fold in half



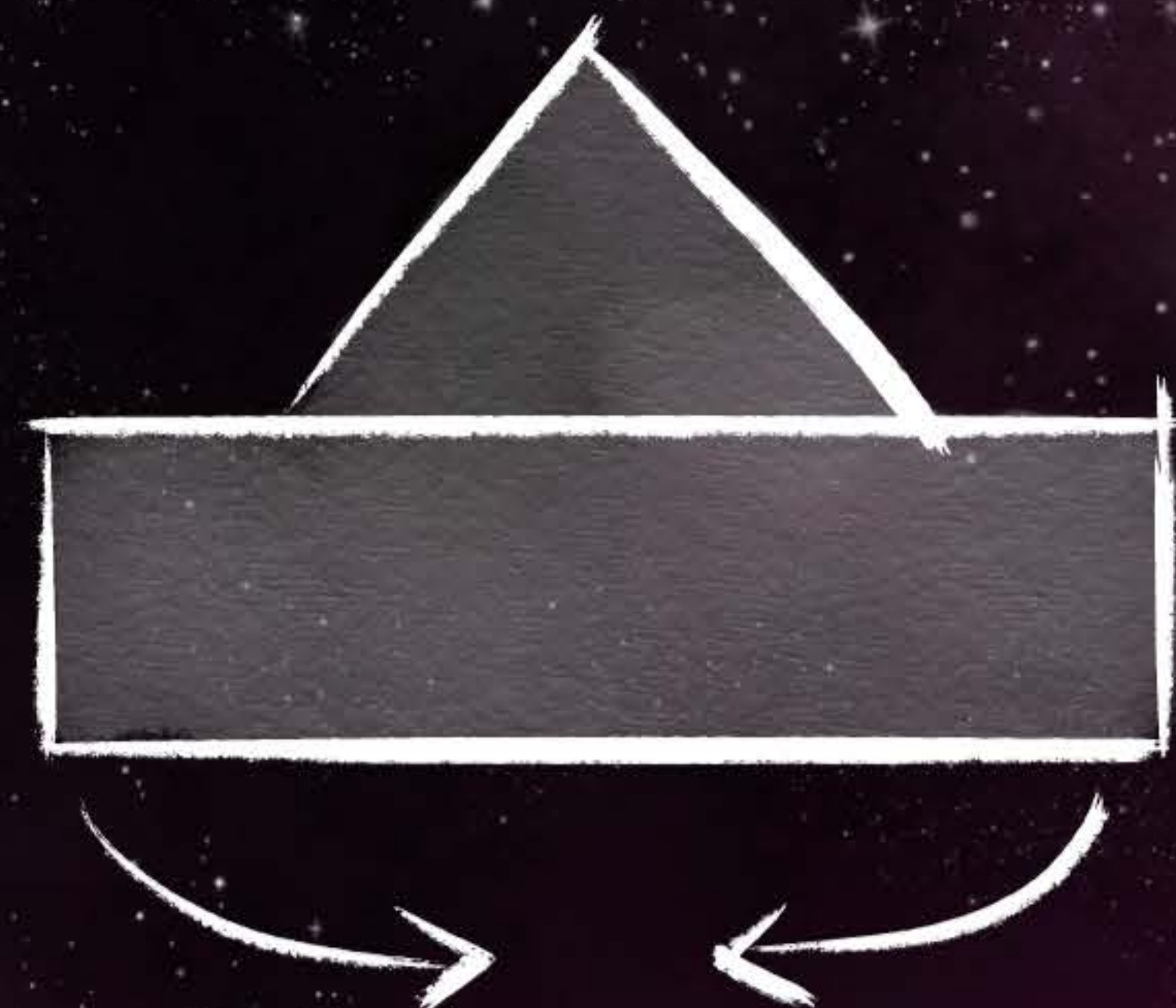
2. fold in half again



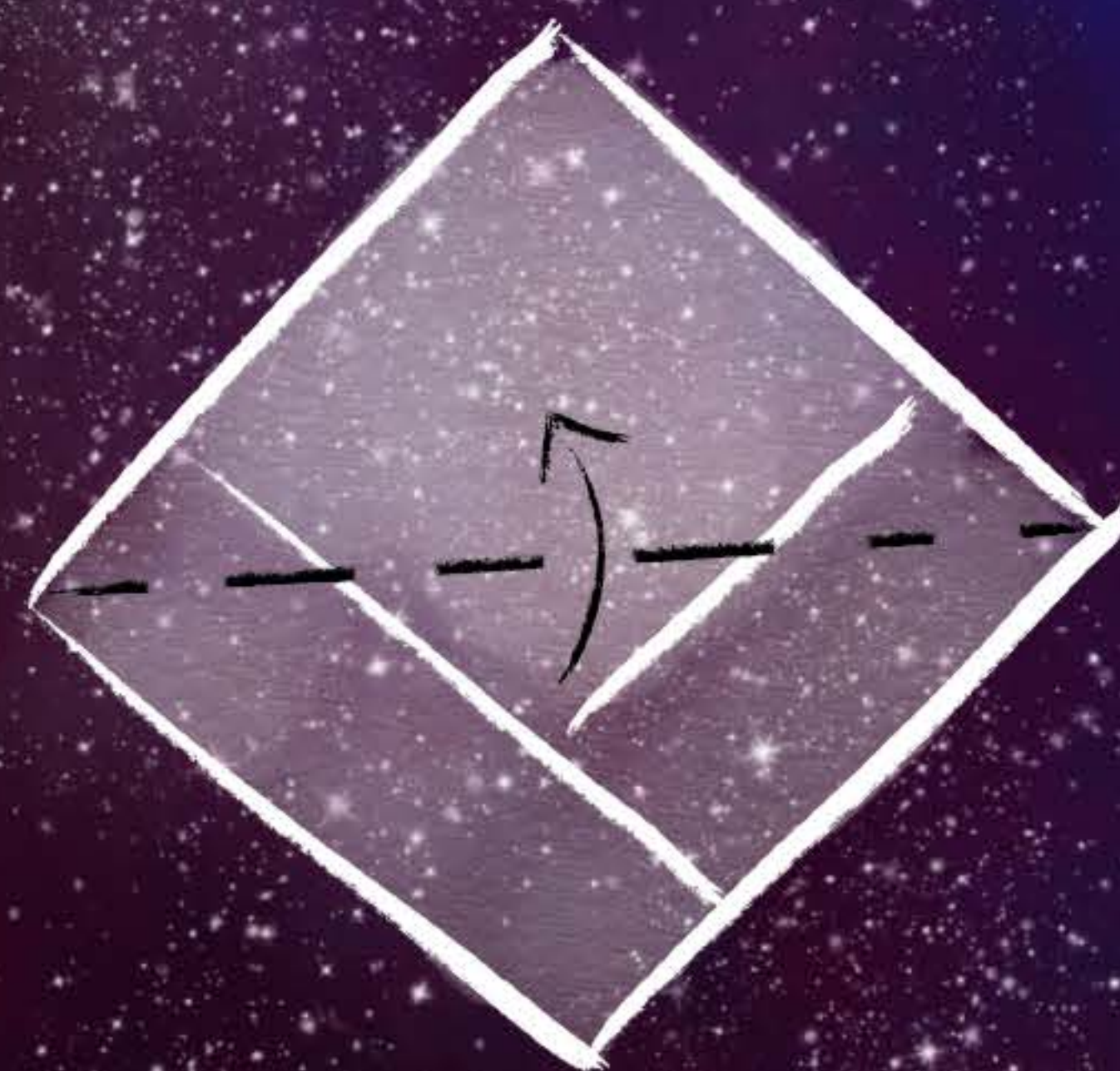
3. fold corners in



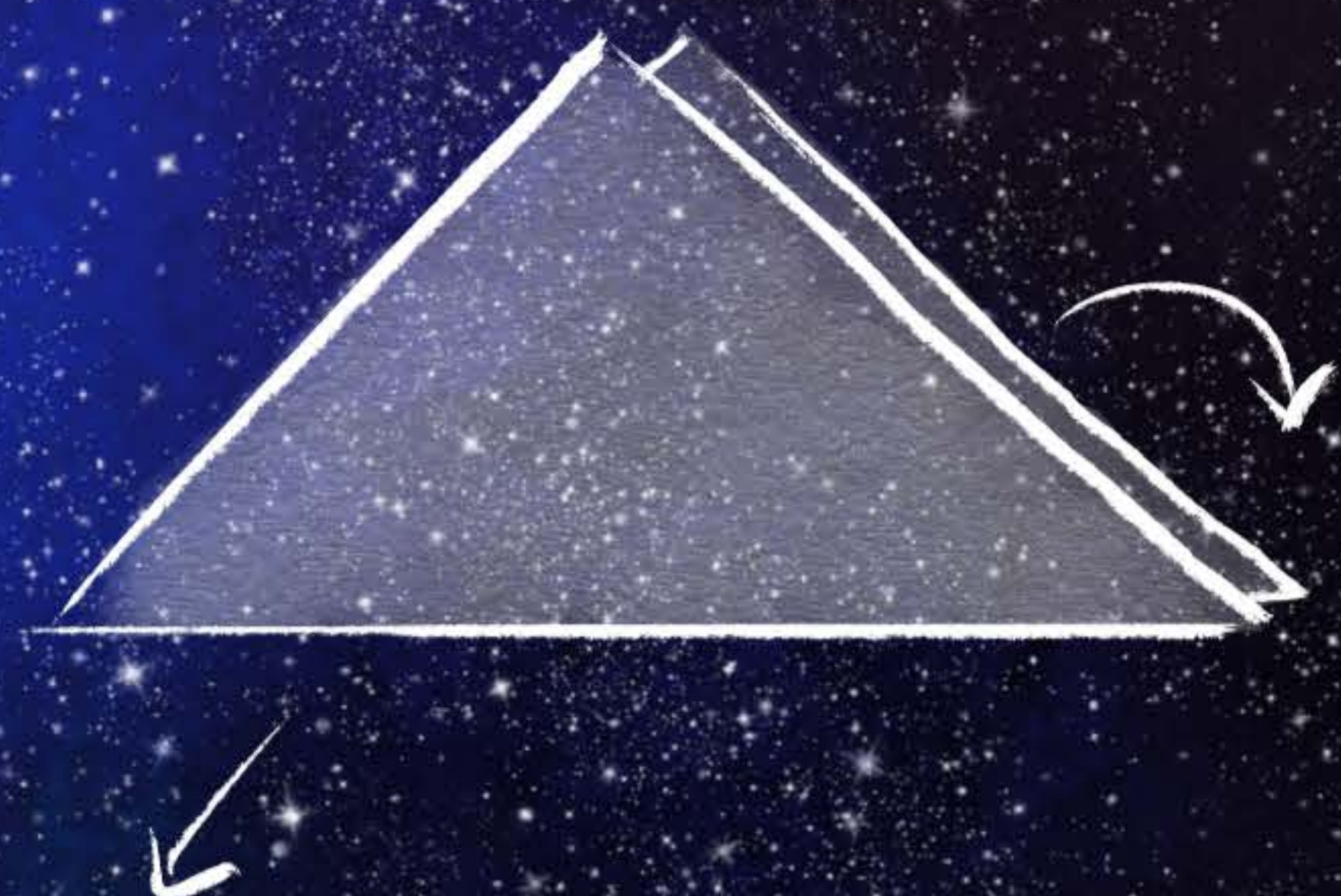
4. fold up edges on both sides



5. pull sides out and flatten



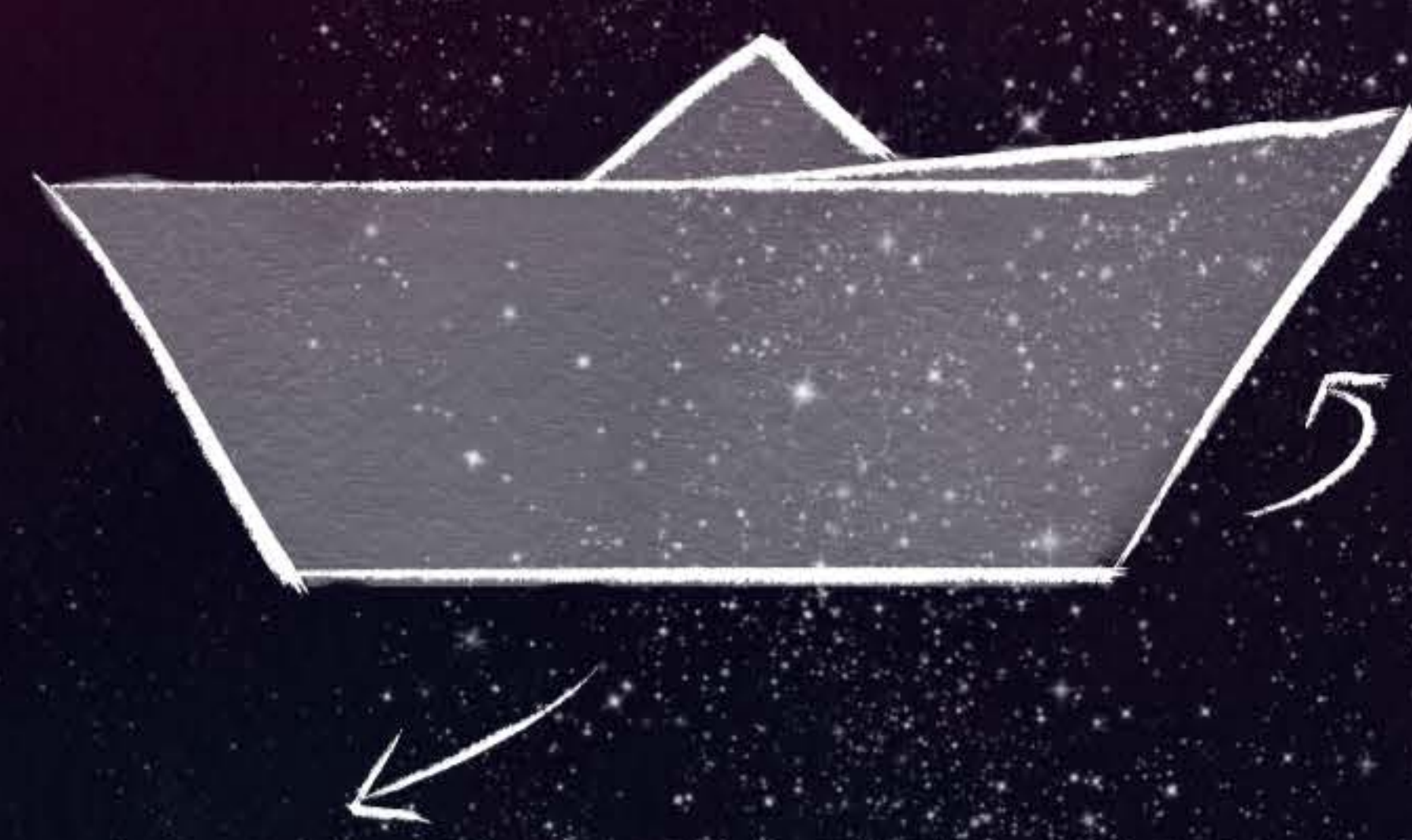
6. pull front and back layers up



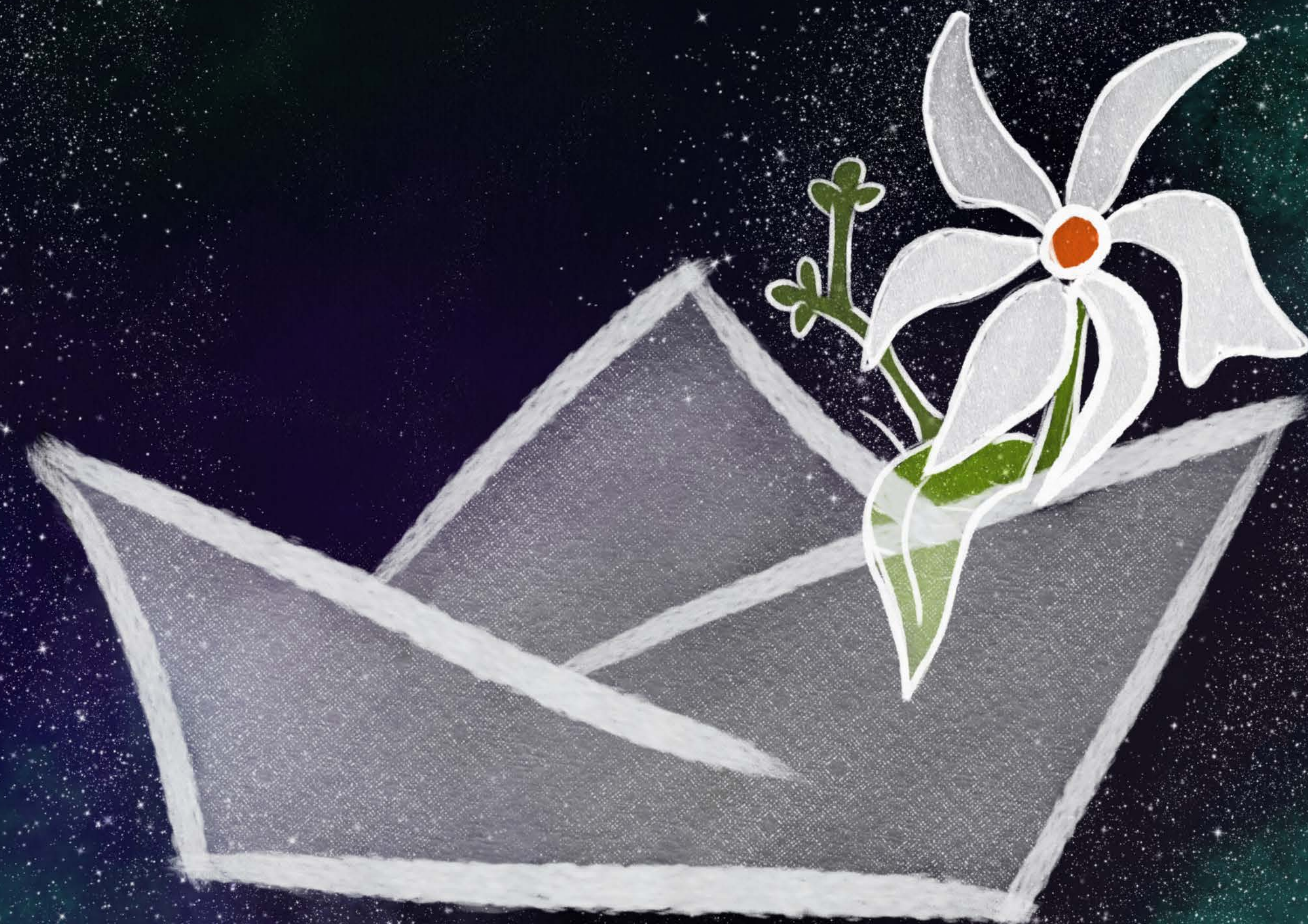
7. pull sides apart and flatten



8. pull top flaps outwards



9. pull sides up



done!